

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4170
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
WINDING UP POST OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had created a post of Ambassador at large for Non-Resident Indians and Persons of Indian Origin in the year 2001;
- (b) if so, whether the said office was wound up in the year 2004; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have set up in May 2004 a separate Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in order to provide a single window organization to address all the needs and expectations of the Diaspora. Accordingly, the office of Ambassador-at-Large for Non-Resident Indians & Persons of Indian Origin, operating from New York, was wound up thereafter.